



Environmental Protection Agency

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Mr. Michael Thomas
Environmental Coordinator
Republic Steel, Inc.
116th & Burley Avenue
Chicago, Ill. 60633

RE: Republic Coke Plant - I.D. #031600 AMC

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to its responsibilities, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency conducted an investigation of the above facility on September 24, 1981, and found the following apparent violations of State Environmental Laws and Regulations as follows:

- Rule 203(d) (5) (B) (iv) - Visible emissions from push side door numbers 11, 21, 26, 36, 42, 45, 46, 49, 53, 56, 58, 59, 62, 66, 69 and 74, nine of which were in excess of the seven doors allowed.
- Rule 203(d) (5) (B) (vi) - Visible emissions from the offtake piping numbered 3, 5, 14, 16, 26, 36, 42, 44, 47, 52, 54, 56, 74 and 82, seven of which were in excess of the seven offtake pipes allowed.
- Rule 203(d) (5) (B) (ix) - Operation of the coke side shed in violation of the shed maintenance work rules by allowing emissions of up to 50% opacity to escape from the coke side shed along the central ovens of the battery.

We are available to discuss any measure that may deem appropriate to take to correct the above violations observed. We await your reply at a date no later than ten (10) days from receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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